

# **THE KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM**

## **KENTUCKY ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**

### **OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE (ONE):**

One of Kentucky's first Army National Guard unit mobilized to support the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) was alerted on 30 September 2001 and mobilized on 4 October 2001. Alpha Company, 1st Battalion 149th Infantry mobilized 129 soldiers to provide installation security and force protection at Ft. Bragg, NC. Four soldiers extended for a second year. Currently three of the four are still serving under Contingency Operations Temporary Tour of Active Duty (COTTAD) orders.

On 9 October 2001, HHD, 198th MP Battalion, also one of the first KYNG units alerted, reported to the armory for personnel processing and loading and shipping equipment to Ft. Bragg, NC. On 12 October, they flew to Pope Air Force Base (adjacent to Ft. Bragg). After validation training they were assigned to the 16th Military Police Brigade (Airborne). Two Military Police companies from the Ohio Army National Guard were assigned to HHD, 198th MP Battalion. The Battalion exercised command and control of 404 soldiers from Kentucky and Ohio. The MPs were responsible for all access control points on the Ft. Bragg and performed law enforcement duties, and performed Force Protection for the 82nd Airborne Division, XVIII Airborne Corps, U.S. Army Special Operations Command and the Ft. Bragg community. HHD, 198th MP Battalion returned to home station in Louisville and were separated from Active service on 28 July 2002.

Delta Company 1st Battalion 149th Infantry mobilized 107 soldiers on 6 October 2001 to provide installation security and force protection at Bluegrass Army Depot. On 15 August 2002 the Department of the Army authorized the extension of 91 soldiers to remain an additional year. The unit was demobilized on 5 October 2002.

Due to mission refinement it was recognized that Bluegrass Army Depot needed additional personnel and wheeled vehicles and thus DET 3, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion 149th Infantry mobilized 30 soldiers and 10 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV) from the Scout Platoon and Mortar Platoon on 18 October 2001 as a derivative of the Headquarters. The unit joined Delta Company and worked in conjunction with them to provide security and force protection to the installation. They were demobilized on 10 October 2002.

201st Engineer Battalion and subordinate companies were mobilized 1 August 2002 to support the force protection mission for the Fort Knox Cluster, which included providing security at Fort Knox, Ft. Campbell, and Bluegrass Army Depot. They received mission guidance from the 4th Battalion, 85th Training Support Battalion from Fort Knox. While providing security support to these installations the soldiers of the 201st EN BN were able to further their military education as well as graduate 30 soldiers from the Ft. Campbell Air Assault School. The unit extended 109 soldiers for a second year to work with Task Force Longrifle, which relieved the 201st EN BN in June 2003.

Bravo Company 1st Battalion 149th IN mobilized 32 soldiers on 30 January 2003 to providing security and force protection for the installation and flight line at the Air Guard facility in Louisville, KY. They fall under the control of the KY Air Guard for command and control. Bravo Company will be released from active duty January 2004, and participate in the Multinational Forces and Observers mission in Sinai region later next year.

On 5 May 2003 Task Force Longrifle made up of the 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion 123rd Armor, 108 soldiers from the 307th Maintenance Company were mobilized to replace the 201 EN BN and linked-up with the 109 soldiers that were extended from the 201st EN BN providing force protection at Fort Campbell, KY; Bluegrass Grass Army Depot; and Fort Knox, KY; respectively. The Task Force is still mobilized supporting this mission. The 218th Enhance Separate Brigade from Ft. Jackson, SC provides mission oversight for Task Force Longrifle.

## OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF):

DET 1 BSC, 2/20th SFG mobilized 21 soldiers on 3 January 02 and deployed to Afghanistan in support of TF-180. They fell under the command of CJSOTF for missions. They established and operated command centers and firebases while gathering intelligence in the region. The unit demobilized on 19 December 02.

On 18 January 02 Task Force Santa Fe was formed and mobilized to provide force protection at multiple US installations in Germany and Belgium. The Task Force of 423 soldiers consisted of Bravo and Echo Companies 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry, Bravo and Charlie Companies 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor, and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry which was mobilized 22 October 2001. They received mission guidance from the 66th Brigade, 35 Infantry Division. The Task Force was demobilized on 18 September 02.

DET 1, GSG 20th SFG and DET 2, 1/20th SFG mobilized 26 soldiers on 1 May 02 to deploy to Afghanistan in support of TF-180. They fell under the command of CJSOTF for missions. They established and operated command centers and firebases while gathering intelligence in the region. The unit demobilized on 30 January 03.

The 438th Military Police Company mobilized 120 soldiers on 14 October 2002 and deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. There they worked under the 785th MP BN providing security for Taliban detainees. The unit was demobilized on 13 October 2003.

Task Force Orphans consisting of 2nd BN, 123rd Armor; Charlie Company; 1st BN, 149th Infantry Battalion; an element of the 206th Engineer Battalion mobilized on 1 November 02 and two Detachments of the HHD 35th Infantry Division mobilized on 1 Dec 02 and deployed as the SFOR 13 rotation in Bosnia. These units acting as part of the 35th Infantry Division found and seized a weapons cache of over 5 tons of weapons, ammunition, and explosives. They assisted local authorities in conducting 3 successful Potocari memorial site operations, assisted in securing 2 mass gravesites facilitating the extraction and proper burial of remains, conducted school awareness and training programs to educate Bosnian children in drug awareness, and tolerance of fellow human beings. They were instrumental in creating the first annual Konjuh Cup soccer tournament that brought together teams from different ethnic backgrounds for the first time since the ending of the war. They also assisted in the locating and detaining of Persons Indicted for War crimes. These units have returned home and the last units will demobilize 30 November 2003.

DET 1, BSC 2/20th SFG mobilized on 27 January 2003 with 29 soldiers to Afghanistan in support of TF-180. They fell under the command of CJSOTF for missions. They operated command centers and firebases while gathering intelligence in the region. The unit is currently being released from active duty and will all be released by Christmas.

On 10 February 2003 the 141st Personnel Support Detachment mobilized 45 soldiers to provide Fort Knox with additional administrative support due to the mobilization of units to support the GWOT. There are currently six soldiers that have requested to stay until July 2004.

Headquarters 238th Combined Arms Regiment mobilized 15 soldiers on 25 February 2003 to support the increased training requirements for soldiers being deployed through active duty installations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Six Infantry instructors deployed to Fort Benning, GA, five Armor instructors deployed to Fort Knox, KY, and four Artillery instructors deployed to Fort Sill, OK. Currently the soldiers have been reassigned and are returning to Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center, Greenville, KY where they will serve the remainder of their mobilization.

The 1163rd Area Medical Support Company mobilized 50 soldiers on 7 July 2003 and further deployed to locations in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan in support of CJTF-180 MEDCOM. They are currently operating a hospital facility in K2 Uzbekistan, and providing medical support at locations throughout the region.

### OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF):

The 223rd Military Police Company mobilized 182 soldiers on 27 December 2002 for deployment to Iraq. They have conducted convoy escort missions, installation security, and provided security for POWs in Baghdad. They suffered one casualty, SGT Darrin K. Potter, when hostile forces attacked their convoy. The 223rd is currently posturing themselves to come back to Fort Dix, NJ.

One platoon of 34 soldiers from Alpha Company, 206th Engineer Battalion was mobilized on 5 February 2003 and went to Fort Polk, LA in preparation to deploy with the 1041st EN CO and provide bridging assets for missions in Iraq. The unit was validated and shipped their equipment, but was later recalled and did not deploy. The unit demobilized on 8 August 2003.

The 217th Quartermaster Company was mobilized on 11 February 2003 as two units, each with 8 soldiers and 2 water purification systems. One team was to link-up with the 730th CS Supply Company from Tennessee, the other with the 349th CS Supply Company from California. Both units are currently deployed to Iraq supporting the water infrastructure in the region.

The 138th FA Brigade and the 1st Bn 623rd FA (MLRS), were mobilized on 15 March 2003. They joined DET 4, 307th Maintenance Company that mobilized on 11 February 2003. All went to Fort Campbell, KY where they were validated and ready to deploy to Iraq to provide artillery support to V Corps, but were demobilized as the need for these units were no longer required. They all were demobilized by 4 June 2003.

**NOTE:** Kentucky mobilized many individual volunteers to support these missions. These personnel have or are providing chaplain services, or imbedded trainers for the Afghan National Army, or military specialties that are in high demand.

Between 1 October 2002 and 30 September 2003, KYARNG activated and deployed 2,091 soldiers in support of the GWOT. As of 1 October 2003, we had 1,404 previously mobilized soldiers released from active duty. The peak for KYARNG supporting the GWOT occurred during May 2003 when there were 2,409 KYARNG soldiers serving on active duty around the world. Today, 1,375 KYARNG soldiers remain mobilized in support of the GWOT.

Nearly two thirds of the KYARNG has now been mobilized and deployed in support of the GWOT. Some units have already completed the maximum of two years activation authorized under partial mobilization authorization. Some individuals, because of their unique skill sets, are on their third year by going into Contingency Operations Temporary Tour Of Active Duty (COTTAD). Sourcing for OIF II and ONE IV is currently being worked. How many soldiers will be required from the KYARNG to meet these mission requirements remains to be seen.

KENTUCY ARMY GUARD ACTIVATIONS/DEPLOYMENTS					
Mobilized Unit	PAX On		Name/Comments	M-Date	DEMOB
	sent	Duty			
Co. A 1/149 th INF (Harlan)	129	3		4-Oct-01	30-Sep-02
Co. D 1/149th INF (Middlesboro)	107	2		6-Oct-01	5-Oct-02
HHD 198th M.P. Bn. (Louisville)	70		Noble Eagle	9-Oct-01	28-Jul-02
DET 3 HHC 1/149th	30		Noble Eagle	18-Oct-01	10-Oct-02
HHC 1/149th INF (Barbourville)	121	1	Enduring Freedom	22-Oct-01	23-Sep-02
135 AVN CO FWD (Frankfort)	1			23-Nov-01	29-Apr-02
Det.1 3rd Bn. 20th S.F. Group (Louisville)	21	3		3-Jan-02	
B/2-123 AR (Madisonville/Marion)	69		Enduring Freedom	18-Jan-02	18-Sep-02
C/2-123 AR (Benton)	71		Enduring Freedom	18-Jan-02	18-Sep-02
Co. B 1/149th INF (London)	92	1	Enduring Freedom	18-Jan-02	18-Sep-02
Co. E 1/149th INF (Somerset)	70		Enduring Freedom	18-Jan-02	18-Sep-02
149 IN 35 BDE CH FWD (Louisville)	1			23-Jan-02	22-Jan-03
Det 1, 20th SF CO SPT FWD (Louisville)	1			12-Feb-02	
HQS STARC KY FWD (Frankfort)	1			7-Mar-02	1-Dec-02
KY RAID FWD (Frankfort)	2		Operation Noble Eagle ISO US Customs	9-Mar-02	3-Sep-02
Det 2, 1/20th SFG (Louisville)	18		Enduring Freedom (ext. because of air flow)	1-May-02	30-Jun-03
Det 1 GSG 20th SFG (Louisville)	8	1	Enduring Freedom (ext. because of air flow)	1-May-02	30-Jun-03
A/201st EN (Ashland)	45	25	ONE II (11May 03, 24 PAX extend for ONEIII)	1-Aug-02	
201st EN BN (Ashland)	0		ONE II	1-Aug-02	31-Jul-03
B/201st EN (Olive Hill)	59	26	ONE II (11May 03, 26 PAX extend for ONEIII)	1-Aug-02	
C/201st EN (Cynthiana)	66	31	ONE II (11May 03, 30 PAX extend for ONEIII)	1-Aug-02	
HHC 201st En (Ashland)	82	29	ONE II (11May 03, 29 PAX extend for ONEIII)	1-Aug-02	
438th MP Co (Murray)	120	93	Enduring Freedom	14-Oct-02	13-Oct-03
C/1/149th IN (Ravenna)	114	106	SFOR13	1-Nov-02	31-Oct-03
206th EN BN CO Fwd (Harrodsburg)	15	15	SFOR13	1-Nov-02	31-Oct-03
HHC/2/123 AR (Bowling Green/Hopkinsville)	102	86	SFOR13	1-Nov-02	31-Oct-03
35 AR HHC, DET2 Fwd (Louisville)	8	7	SFOR13	1-Dec-02	30-Nov-03
35 AR HHC, DET2 Fwd2 (Louisville)	1	1	SFOR13	1-Dec-02	30-Nov-03
223rd MP Co (Louisville)	182	168	Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom	27-Dec-02	
135 AV CO E UH60 FWD (Frankfort)	2		Enduring Freedom	2-Jan-03	20-Oct-03
D/1/149th IN BN FWD1 (Middlesboro)	45	19	ONE II	26-Jan-03	
Det 1 BSC 2/20th SFG (Louisville)	29	29	Enduring Freedom	27-Jan-03	
B/1/149th IN BN FWD2 (London)	32	30	AF FP mission	30-Jan-03	
A Co 206th EN BN FWD1 (Morehead)	34		Enduring Freedom	5-Feb-03	8-Aug-03
141 PSD (Frankfort)	45	21	Enduring Freedom (Ft. Knox)	10-Feb-03	
Det 4, 307th Maint Det (MLRS) (Glasgow)	27		Enduring Freedom	11-Feb-03	19-Jun-03
217 QM TM Water Purification (Danville)	8	8	Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom	11-Feb-03	
217 QM TM Water Puri FWD (Danville)	8	8	Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom	11-Feb-03	
HQ 238th REGT (CA) FWD (Greenville)	15	14	Training Base Expansion Mission	25-Feb-03	
138 FA HHB BDE TACFIRE (Lexington)	124		Enduring Freedom	15-Mar-03	4-Jun-03
A/1/623 FA BN MLRS (Tompkinsville)	90		Enduring Freedom	15-Mar-03	21-May-03
1/623 FA BN MLRS (Glasgow)	0		Enduring Freedom	15-Mar-03	21-May-03
B/1/623 FA BN MLRS (Campbellsville)	92		Enduring Freedom	15-Mar-03	21-May-03
C/1/623 FA BN MLRS (Monticello)	91		Enduring Freedom	15-Mar-03	21-May-03
HHS 1/623 FA BN MLRS (Glasgow)	121	3	Enduring Freedom	15-Mar-03	21-May-03
HHC 2/123 AR BN FWD (Bowling Green)	9	1	ANA mission	15-Mar-03	
2113 TC CO MDM TRK (Hickman/Paducah)	169	2	Enduring Freedom	15-Mar-03	4-Jun-03
206 EN BN HHC FWD (Harrodsburg)	1	1		31-Mar-03	
KY DET 19 MED DET FWD 4 (Lexington)	1			1-Apr-03	1-Aug-03
A. 2/138TH FA BN (Carrollton/Walton)	68	66	Noble Eagle III	5-May-03	
2/138 FA BN (Paladin) (Lexington)	0	0	Noble Eagle III	5-May-03	
B. 2/138TH FA BN (Carlisle)	67	66	Noble Eagle III	5-May-03	
C. 2/138TH FA BN (Bardstown/Elizabethtown)	75	73	Noble Eagle III	5-May-03	
SVC, 2/138TH FA BN (Louisville)	54	53	Noble Eagle III	5-May-03	
HHB, 2/138TH FA BN (Lexington)	121	119	Noble Eagle III	5-May-03	
307 OD CO MAINT FWD (Centaral City)	107	108	Noble Eagle III	5-May-03	
A Co 2/123 AR BN (Leitchfield)	51	44	Noble Eagle III	5-May-03	
HQ STARC KY ARNG FWD3 (Frankfort)	7	7	ANA Afghanistan	12-Jun-03	

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	sent	On Duty			
1163 MD CO AREA SPT (Louisville/Greenville)	44	43	Enduring Freedom (Uzbekistan)	7-Jul-03	
1163 MD CO AREA SPT FWD (Louisville/Greenville)	6	6	Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)	7-Jul-03	
HQ STARC KY ARNG FWD4 (Frankfort)	1	1	ANA Afghanistan	10-Jul-03	
HQ STARC KY ARNG FWD9 (Frankfort)	2	2	ANA Mission	17-Jul-03	
HQ STARC KY ARNG FWD5 (Frankfort)	3	3	ANA Afghanistan	8-Aug-03	
HQ STARC KY ARNG FWD6 (Frankfort)	1	1	ANA Afghanistan	12-Sep-03	
HQ STARC KY ARNG FWD11 (Frankfort)	2	2	ANA Afghanistan	18-Sep-03	
HQ STARC KY ARNG FWD14 (Frankfort)	2	2	ANA Afghanistan	19-Sep-03	
HQ STARC KY ARNG FWD7 (Frankfort)	1	1	ANA Afghanistan	10-Oct-03	
HQ STARC KY ARNG FWD12 (Frankfort)	2	2	ANA Afghanistan	16-Oct-03	
HQ STARC KY ARNG FWD15 (Frankfort)			KFOR5B		
HQ 149 BDE, 35 ID (Louisville)			SFOR15	9-Feb-04	
Co C, 206 EN BN, 35 ID (Prestonsburg)			KFOR6A	26-Jun-04	
HQ 1-149 IN, 35 ID (Barbourville)			MFO47A	?	

## KENTUCKY AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The Kentucky Air National Guard has had 894, some 80 percent of its total force, on orders to support Operation Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Four hundred and ninety one were deployed in large-scale deployments. Eighty personnel are currently deployed. Kentucky Air National Guard personnel have deployed to the following countries: Istres, France; Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar; Ramstein Air Base, Germany; Diego Garcia; Masirah Island, Oman; Jacobabad, Pakistan; Baghdad, Iraq; Moron Air Base, Spain; Al Dhafra Air Base, Kuwait; Minhad Air Base, United Arab Emirates; Incirlik, Turkey; Bishkek-Manas, Kyrgyzstan; Luis Muniz, Puerto Rico; Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia; Ali Alsaalem, Kuwait; Sembach Air Base, Germany; and Al Jaber, Kuwait.

As you can see units and individuals of the Kentucky Air National Guard have been on duty since immediately following the attacks of September 11, 2001 and continue today both at home and around the world.

KENTUCKY AIR GUARD ACTIVATIONS / DEPLOYMENTS				
UNIT	# Pers	Operation	Activated	DEMOB
123d Security Forces Sq	72	Operation Noble Eagle	Oct-01	Oct-03
123d Airlift Control Flt	11	Operation Noble Eagle	Nov-01	Nov-02
123d Airlift Wing	85	ONE - Fort Hood, TX	Oct-01	Dec-01
123d Airlift Wing	85	ONE - Topeka, KS	Jan-02	Mar-02
123d Special Tactics Sq	48	Operation Enduring Freedom	Nov-01	Nov-03
		Operation Iraqi Freedom		
123d Airlift Wing	500	Operation Enduring Freedom	Nov-01	Nov-02
		Operation Noble Eagle		
123d Airlift Wing	80	Operation Enduring Freedom	Mar-03	Present
	235	Operation Iraqi Freedom	Mar-03	Present
123d Security Forces Sq	13	Operation Iraqi Freedom	Apr-03	Jun-03
123d Aerial Port Sq	24	Operation Enduring Freedom	Apr-03	Present
123d Services Flt	18	Operation Iraqi Freedom	Feb-03	Jul-03
123d Airlift Wing	30	Operation Iraqi Freedom	Oct-03	Present
123d Civil Engr Sq	45	Operation Iraqi Freedom	Nov-03	Present